IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Das et al. § Group Art Unit: 3693

Serial No.: 09/915,986 § Examiner: Dass, Harish T.

For: Apparatus, System and Method for Automatically Making Operational Selling

Decisions

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

In response to the Final Office Action of August 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.